魔法少女まどか☆マギカ
PUELLA MAGI MADOKA MAGICA
[魔獣編]

あらすじ 人々の感情を食い荒らす「魔獣」がはびこる世界。戦いのさなか、突然魔法少女化が解けたほむらは…。

第4話

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原案 Magica Quartet

...HOMURA -CHAN.
MADOKA?
.....
MADOKA? ARE YOU HERE?
COME HERE! HOMURA-CHAN
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND ...
WAIT
YES, I'M HERE
IS IT REALLY YOU, MADOKA?

MA DO KAAA……!
……I'VE BEEN WAITING …… FOR THIS MOMENT
WE WERE FINALLY… ABLE TO MEET
HOMURA-CHAN

THIS IS ...
CACH...
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.....

AKEMI-SAN!
YOU BROKE OUR PROMISE
I'M SURE I SAID THE GIANT WRAITH IS THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY
I TRUSTED YOU, SO I GAVE YOU A BLANK CHECK TO ACT BY YOURSELF UNTIL NOW
I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU
... AN UNANTICIPATED SITUATION OCCURRED

YOU ONLY GAVE ME SOME ADVICE ABOUT THE GIANT WRAITH
I COULD'VE DEFEATED IT BY MYSELF IF HE WAS ALONE
IT IS OKAY IF I FIGHT AGAINST SMALL ONES, BUT I DIDN'T HEARD OTHER STRONG WRAITHS EXIST
I HEARD HOW IT HAPPENED FROM KYUBEY
I'M SORRY FOR THE LACK OF EXPLANATION ON OTHER WRAITHS
HOWEVER, THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY
YOU UNDOUBTEDLY PLACED TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN YOUR ABILITY
YOUR EXCUSE OF AN ACCIDENT BEYOND EXPECTATIONS WON'T SELL WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
.....
OKAY
DID YOU HAVE A HARD TIME BECAUSE OF MY SERMON WHEN YOU JUST WOKE UP?
IN ANY CASE, YOUR SAFETY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING

YOU WERE ATTACKED BY WRAITHS BUT YOU RECEIVED A SLIGHT WOUND. I DEALT WITH IT
HEALING MAGIC ...
I CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR YOU
HAVE A NICE DAY ...
TAP
HUH!?
WAIT! AKEMI-SAN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...I HAVE LOTS OF THINGS I WANT TO TELL YOU
THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT I WANTED TO CONFIRM AFTER YOU WOKE UP
AKEMI-SAN
CAN YOU TRANSFORM INTO A MAGICAL GIRL IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW?

INTO A MAGICAL GIRL? WHY?
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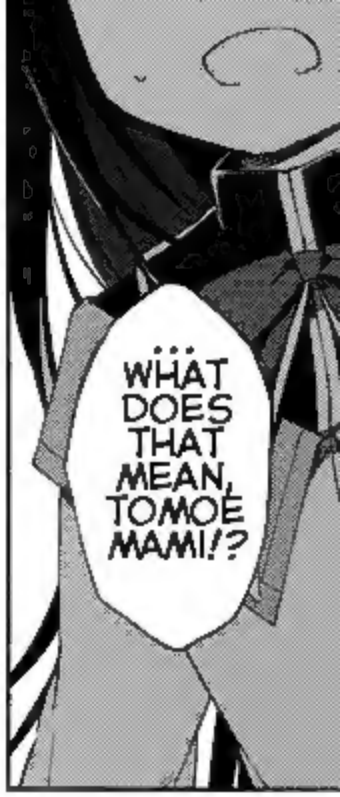
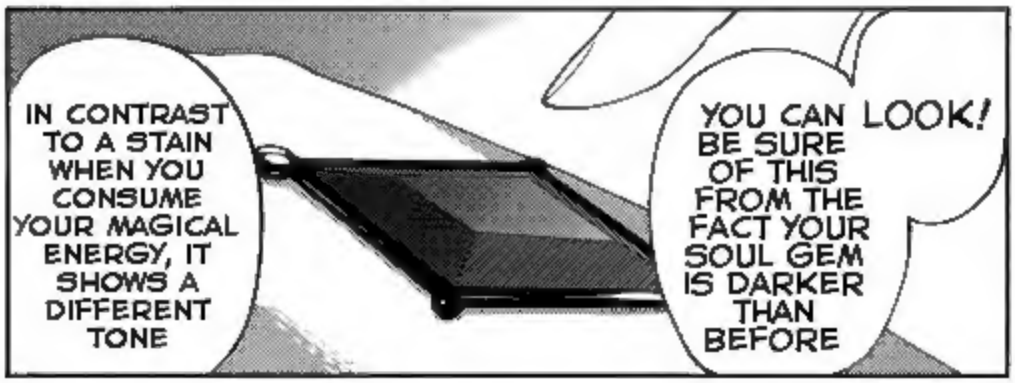
WAIT!
NEXT, PLEASE TRY TO TAKE OUT YOUR WEAPON
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WHAT'S THE POINT?
JUST DO IT

...!
.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
...SO YOU CAN TRANSFORM BUT YOU CAN'T INVOKE YOUR WEAPON
THE WRAITHS PROBABLY STOLE SOME OF YOUR POWERS

DID YOU JUST SAY THE WRAITHS TOOK AWAY SOME OF MY POWERS!?
STRICTLY SPEAKING, MAGIC IS A SOURCE OF OUR MAGICAL ENERGY AND...
"EMOTIONAL ENERGY" WHICH IS ALSO FOOD FOR THE WRAITHS


...WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, TOMOE MAMI!?


LOOK! YOU CAN BE SURE OF THIS FROM THE FACT YOUR SOUL GEM IS DARKER THAN BEFORE
IN CONTRAST TO A STAIN WHEN YOU CONSUME YOUR MAGICAL ENERGY, IT SHOWS A DIFFERENT TONE

I WONDER IF THE WRAITHS DEPRIVED YOU OF YOUR POWER WHILE YOU WERE FIGHTING AGAINST THEM
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ABOUT IT?
.....

I REMEMBER NOW... THEY STOLE MY MEMENTO FROM MADOKA...!
I SHOULDN'T WASTE MY TIME HERE!

AT FIRST SIGHT, YOU CAN ONLY TRANSFORM SO ...
... I DON'T THINK YOU'RE UNDER A FATAL CONDITION RIGHT NOW

THEY DIDN'T ONLY STOLE MY POWER!
HUH?

TOMOE-SAN!
HOW CAN I RECOVER MY POWERS?
WHAT!?
I HAVE TO CHASE THE WRAITHS RIGHT NOW!
A-AKEMI-SAN, CALM DOWN
EVEN IF YOU RUSH ME, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS
. !?
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SLIGHT EMOTIONAL ENERGY, YOU CAN MAKE UP FOR THE INSUFFICIENT PARTS BY YOURSELF, THOUGH
.....
CAN I GET MY POWERS BACK IF I DEFEAT THE WRAITH WHO STOLE IT FROM ME?
ACTUALLY, I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS MYSELF.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME WHEN I SAW THE WRAITHS SNATCHED THE POWER THAT LETS YOU SUMMON YOUR WEAPON
I'M SORRY TO KEEP YOU IN SUSPENCE

A FEW WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE I CAME BACK AS A MAGICAL GIRL. I SAW THE GIANT WRAITH SHOWING UP FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY ...
I CAN'T PREDICT WHERE WILL HE APPEAR NEXT TIME
.....
HOW WILL YOU FIGHT AGAINST THE GIANT WRAITH WITHOUT YOUR WEAPON?
THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY, BUT...
WELL ...
IF THERE'S A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY, DON'T YOU THINK I SHOULD CARRY OUT AN ACTION IN A HURRY?
ALTHOUGH SAKURA-SAN AND I RECOGNIZE THE HIGH VALUE OF YOUR ABILITY,
I WANT YOU TO RELY ON US MORE, PARTICULARLY IN TIMES LIKE THIS
EVEN YOUR SAFETY WAS NOTHING MORE THAN LUCK
AKEMI-SAN, I UNDERSTAND YOU FEEL IMPATIENT RIGHT NOW, BUT YOU NEED TO STAY CALM
NO MATTER HOW MUCH EFFORT YOU MAKE, THIS SITUATION WON'T CHANGE FOR THE BETTER
BUT ...!
AND YOU MUST AVOID BEING IN TOUCH WITH HIM UNTIL YOU RECOVER YOUR POWER
WE NEVER FAIL TO FIND WHERE THE GIANT WRAITH IS

IT'S AN ORDER AS THE LEADER OF THE MAGICAL GIRLS THAT PROTECT MITAKIHARA

NO, AKEMI-SAN!

THIS IS NOT MERELY A WISH

OF COURSE I WON'T ALLOW YOU

I WILL TAKE UP YOUR QUARREL. WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

IF YOU'RE INSATISFIED WITH MY DECISION,

TOMOE MAMI ...

I'M ALRIGHT NOW
...
EH?
HEY, TOMOE-SAN
I APPRECIATE YOUR RESCUE TODAY

……?
UM… AKEMI-SAN?
I'M SORRY FOR BEING AN INCONVENIENCE TO YOU TWO
LETTING THE WRAITHS CATCH ME OFF GUARD LIKE THAT, I HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL MYSELF A VETERAN
IF I HAD BEEN ALONE THERE, THE WRAITHS WOULD'VE STOLEN MY FEELINGS
HOWEVER, MY LIFE WAS SAVED BECAUSE YOU TWO CAME THERE AND SUPPORTED ME
O-OKAY
……
FORTUNATELY, THE PAIN WAS MILD AND IT'S QUITE LATE NOW
I DON'T WANT TO GET YOU INTO MORE TROUBLE SO I'LL GO HOME
YES…
REALLY…

IT IS RELIEVING TO KNOW THAT YOU WERE ONLY SLIGHTLY INJURED
EXACTLY
IF THE WRAITHS WOULD'VE ROB YOU YOUR FEELINGS, YOUR MISTAKE WOULD HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
I BELIEVE IN YOU, BUT DON'T ACT RECKLESSLY
GOOD NIGHT
CLACK
I WILL KEEP IT IN MIND

IT'S TRUE THAT YOU HAD A MISHAP BUT ...
IF YOU RESORT TO FORCIBLE MEANS LIKE THAT, MAMI WOULD GET ANGRY AT YOU AGAIN, WOULDN'T SHE?
I DON'T MIND THAT
LUCKILY, I CAN STILL DO THIS MUCH WITH WHAT'S LEFT OF MY MAGIC
... WELL
UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR ABILITY CAN'T BE USEFUL AGAINST WRAITHS, THOUGH
IT'S YOUR MEMORY-MANIPULATION MAGIC

IF YOU HAD "TIME-MANIPULATION" MAGIC, IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. THAT'S TOO BAD
THE EFFECT AGAINST PEOPLE IS LIMITED SO I CAN'T EXPECT MUCH FROM THIS MAGIC
AT BEST, IT'S SOMETHING THAT SERVES AS AN EXPEDIENT
IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING, BUT I FEEL THIS MAGIC IS INCONVENI ENT
...YOU SEEM TO LIKE THIS TOPIC A LOT
IT'S CALLED INTELLECT UAL CURIOSITY
TIME-MANIPULAT ION ALLOWED YOU TO REPEAT A CERTAIN SPAN INFINITELY AND ...
...WHAT'S MORE, REPEAT THE STREAM OF TIME TEMPORARILY
IF SUCH IRREGULAR MAGIC HAD REALLY EXISTED ...
...I WOULD'VE LIKED TO EXAMINE THAT ABILITY IN DETAIL BY ALL MEANS
IF YOU GET TO USE THAT MAGIC, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ANYWAY ...
...YOU NEED TO GET BACK YOUR ORIGINAL POWERS BEFORE THAT
YOU'RE GOOD AT SAYING BITTER THINGS DESPITE HAVING NO EMOTIONS

I HAD
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IN THIS
NEW
WORLD

AH!
HOMURA, YOU ...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN MAMI'S HOUSE DUE TO YOUR WOUNDS
!

YOU DIOT! STOP IT! DON'T USE YOUR STORAGE MAGIC!
I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE YOU BACK TO MAMI!
YOU WERE RUNNING AWAY BECAUSE YOU WERE TIRED OF HER LECTURE, WEREN'T YOU?
IF SHE CATCHES YOU, I KNOW SHE'S A REAL PAIN IN THE NECK
.....
HEY, SAKURA -SAN THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU
MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHAT IS IT?

WHY ARE YOU STILL STAYING IN THIS CITY?
...MIKI SAYAKA IS NO LONGER HERE
SHE VANISHED
...YEAH, FUCK RIDICULOUS
I'M AVENGING SAYAKA!
WEREN'T YOU ALSO DEFEATED BY THAT GIANT WRAITH?
I WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL I KNOCK HIM DOWN
GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
...NO

NO WAY I WILL LET YOU TAKE AWAY MY PREY ...
HUH?
I WANT TO FIND HIM-
IF THAT'S YOUR PURPOSE, THAT MAKES IT EASIER
IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT, LET'S EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH EACH OTHER IN THE FUTURE

... JUST NOW
I'M HAVING TROUBLE SEARCHING FOR THE GIANT WRAITH AS WELL ...
REALLY? THAT SOUNDS SHADY
I JUST WANT BACK SOMETHING THE WRAITHS STOLE FROM ME
DON'T GET ME WRONG. YOUR REVENGE DOES NOT INTEREST ME

... OKAY
I WILL THINK ABOUT IT
...AS LONG AS YOU LET ME GIVE HIM THE FINAL BLOW

ANYWAY, DON'T GET IN MY WAY
.....
EXPOSING MYSELF IN THE MOST UNGAINLY WAY...
I'M TOO ASHAMED TO FACE MADOKA...
...I'M... REALLY STUPID...
I HAVE TO FIND THEM IMMEDIATELY

MY POSITION OF SENPAI MAY NOT SUIT ME WELL
SIGH...
YESTERDAY I GOT ANGRY AND LOST MY COOL...
OH!? AKENI-SAN...
YOU RAN AWAY FROM ME!
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MIKI-SAN, BACK THEN... SHE WAS LIKE THIS TOO
I ALWAYS FEEL SO HELPLESS AND...
...SHOULD I'VE CHOSEN MY WORDS BETTER BACK THEN...?
SHE MIGHT BE SHOCKED BY THE SUDDEN LOSS ...

.....

SOMEDAY, I WILL ALSO ...

SAKURA-SAN

AKEMI-SAN

PING PONG

NO, DON'T LOSE COURAGE LIKE THIS!

I WON'T ALLOW THE WRAITHS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANYONE

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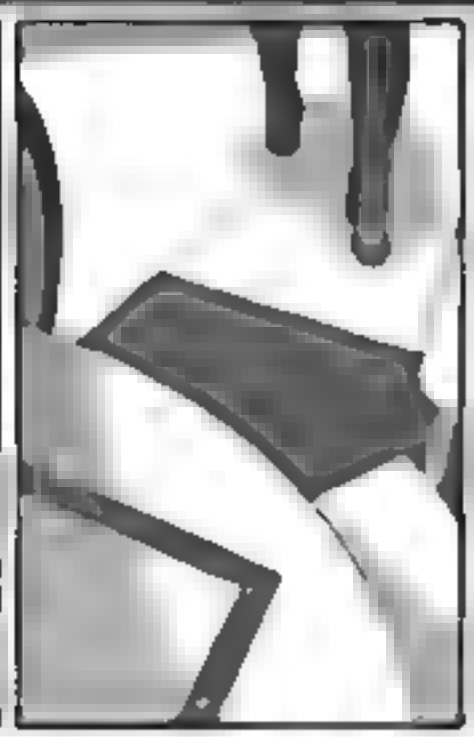
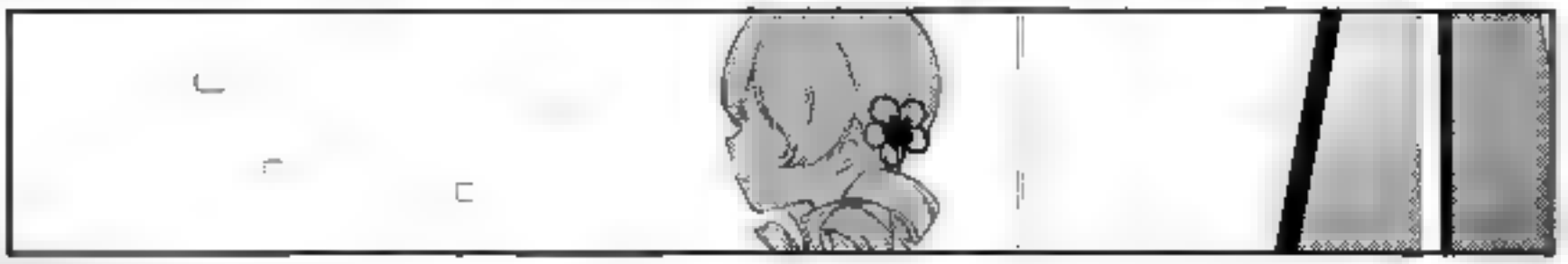
...JUST NOW...
...I FELT A WRAITH'S MIASMA...?
IS IT MY IMAGIN ATION?





...I'M HOME

HOW ABOUT YOU? HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR POWERS?

...NOT EVEN GRIEF CUBES HAVE EFFECT ON MY SOUL GEM
DON'T ASK ME WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW
GRIEF CUBES ARE TO REMOVE 'STAINS' WHICH OCCUR BY USING MAGIC
I EXPECTED MY SOUL GEM TO RECOVER SOME POWER AS TIME PASSED, BUT...
魔力 magic
空っぽ empty
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE WHEN YOU USE GRIEF CUBES TO YOUR SOUL GEM DUE TO LACK OF THE CAPACITY
THE WRAITHS STOLE A LOT OF YOUR POWER. IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR MAGICAL CAPACITY STORED IS SMALLER THAN BEFORE AND...
...YOUR SOUL GEM IS UNDER THE CONDITION THE ESSENTIAL QUALITY WAS SPOILED
I GUESS IF YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE, YOU CAN TRY TO RECOVER YOUR POWER FROM THE WRAITH THAT STOLE IT FROM YOU BY YOURSELF
HM ...
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A MAGICAL GIRL WHO RECOVERED HER POWERS BY DEFEATING A WRAITH THAT ROBBED HER ENERGY
SORRY FOR RUINING YOUR EXPECTATIONS, BUT...

PERHAPS ...
EVEN THE SMALLER WRAITHS VANISHED AFTER THEY STOLE YOUR POWERS...
YOU MADE A SWEEPING STATEMENT ABOUT THE RESEARCH, BUT WE HAVE NO CLUES AND THIS CITY IS LARGE
NEVERTHELESS, I'M GOING TO SEARCH FOR THEM
WHEN YOU FOUGHT AGAINST THE GIANT WRAITH, YOU SHOWED YOUR STRONGEST MAGIC, DIDN'T YOU?
HUH...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...THE WRAITHS WERE AIMING TO GET YOUR POWERS FROM THE BEGGINING
IT SEEMS THAT THE STRENGTH OF A MAGICAL GIRL AGAINST WRAITHS IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE STRENGTH OF THE WRAITHS
THIS PHENOMENA CAN BE EXPLAINED BY MY IDEA THAT THE MASSIVE MAGICAL POWER YOU HAD BEFORE PULLED SUCH A GOOD NUMBER OF WRAITHS
THE APPEARANCE OF WRAITHS IN MITAKIHARA BECAME ACTIVE POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF YOUR POTENTIAL AS WELL
NO, IT CAN'T BE ...

.....
UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO CHOICE OTHER THAN SEARCHING FOR THEM
TOMOE MAMI...
.....?

EVEN THOUGH WE WALKED THE STREETS HERE AND THERE, WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO GET THIS QUANTITY
THESE WON'T FILL MY STOMACH
THE NUMBER OF WRAITHS SO FAR WAS ABNORMAL
IF THE DAMAGES TO THIS CITY ARE MINIMUM, THAT'S A GOOD THING
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT ...

IT'S SAD
I LIKE TO
HUH? WHAT IS IT?
SAN
CAN I... ASK YOU SOMETHING WEIRD?
.....

IF THE DEAD SUDDENLY APPEARED IN FRONT OF YOU ...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
JUST WHAT IF
HUH!?
IF IN A DREAM ...
YOU MET MIKU SAN AND YOUR FAMILY AGAIN.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
DON'T PLAY DUMB! YOU HAVE A HIGH FEVER
OF COURSE ...
YOU CAN TREAT MY TOXIC AS AN HYPNOTHE SIS
EVEN IF I'M TOLD SUCH A THING ...

I JUST WOULDN'T KNOW ...
YEAH ...
THAT WASN'T A HAPPY TOPIC
I'M SORRY
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?
ALRIGHT
PLEASE FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID
I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD
SUCH A DREAM WOULD NEVER EXIST. MOST LIKELY, IT MIGHT BE AN ILLUSION

GOODNIGHT
SAKURA-SAN, LET'S WORK SEPARATELY STARTING TOMORROW
WE HAVE TO CONTINUE GUARDING, BUT WORKING IN GROUP IS INEFFICIENT
AH...
EH!?
SHE'S GONE
.....
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
DAMMIT

WHO'S THERE?
YOU ARE...

I'M SHIZUKI HITOMI. SAYAKA-SAN IS MY CLASSMATE
I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU THAT ...
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU THIS LATE
I RECOGNIZED YOU AS A FRIEND OF SAYAKA-SAN. IS THERE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I MEET YOU AND PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T SAY THIS, BUT I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU
DO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO SPARE?
SHE'S SAYAKA'S LOVE RIVAL
DID SHE FOLLOW ME?
WHO'S MIKI SAYAKA?
I DON'T KNOW HER
NO
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE YOUR SECRET
I HEARD ALL OF YOUR CONVERSATION UP UNTIL JUST A WHILE AGO
TCH
AREN'T YOU CONFUSING ME WITH SOMEONE ELSE?

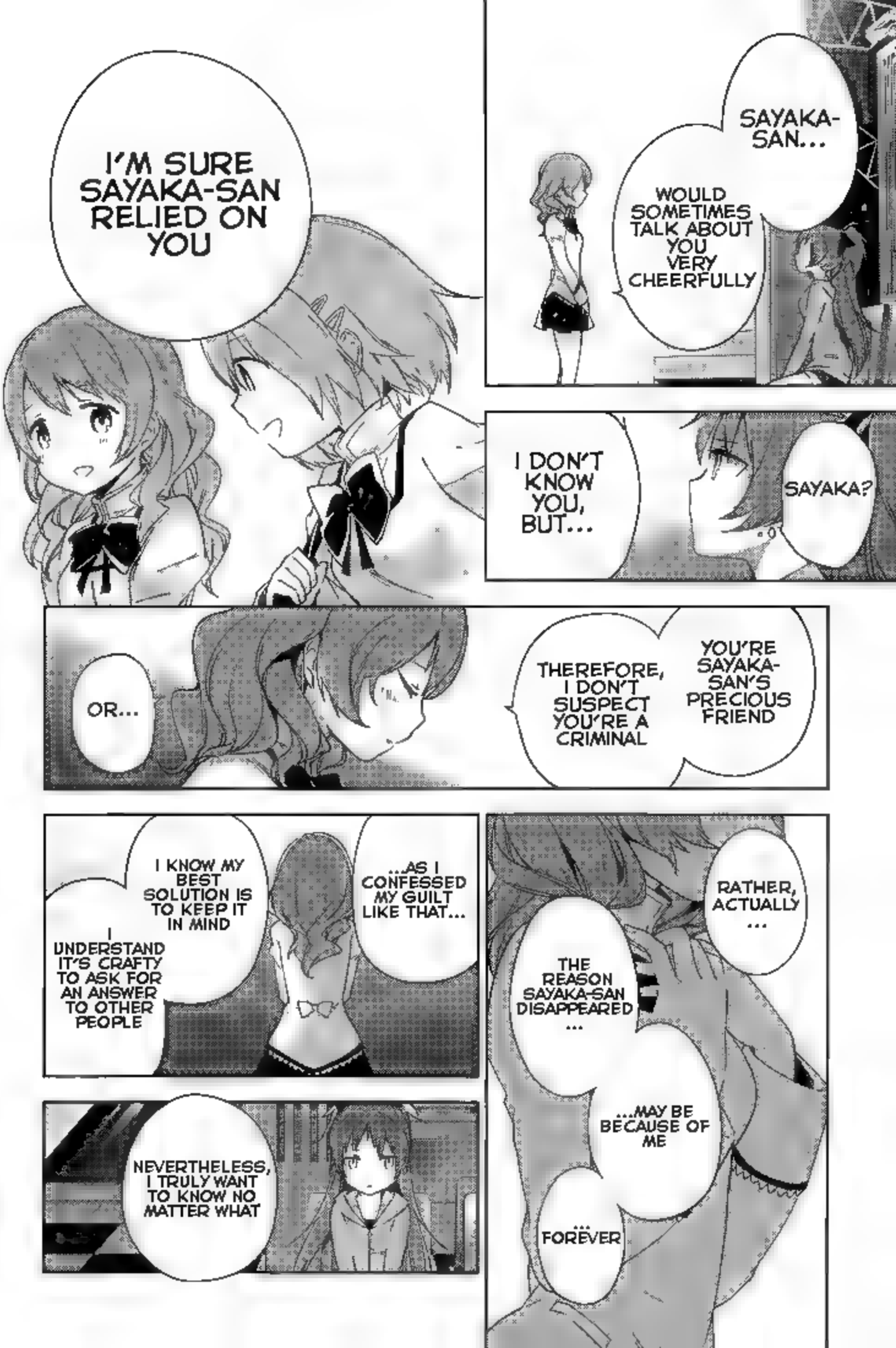
WHAT DOES A FRIEND OF MIKI SAYAKA WANT WITH ME?
DO YOU WONDER IF WE KIDNAPPED HER?
ARE YOU GOING TO TURN US TO THE POLICE?
IT DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION
BUT ...
MY PURPOSE ISN'T TO FIND A CULPRIT
I WANT TO KNOW
...THE TRUTH ABOUT SAYAKA-SAN
A MONTH WILL HAVE PASSED BY SOON
SINCE SAYAKA-SAN'S DISAPPEAR ANCE

WHAT'S THE POINT OF KNOWING THAT?
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I WOULD ONLY LIKE TO KNOW THE FACTS
HER FAMILY AND CLASSMATES DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
NOBODY COULD FIND A CLUE ABOUT HER DISAPPEAR ANCE
WHY DID SHE DISAPPEAR?
.....
I DON'T MIND EVEN GETTING TRIFLES
IF YOU KNOW ABOUT SOMETHING, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT IT

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE EXPOSURE OF YOUR IDENTITY
I WILL FORGET THE FACT I MET YOU
IF YOU TELL ME

PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER STAND
I NEVER SUSPECTED YOU TWO WERE CRIMINALS
HUH?

HMM... YOU MADE THREATS AGAINST ME ...
FORTUNATELY, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH SAYAKA-SAN
I NEVER TELL LIES


SAYAKA-SAN...
WOULD SOMETIMES TALK ABOUT YOU VERY CHEERFULLY
I'M SURE SAYAKA-SAN RELIED ON YOU
I DON'T KNOW YOU, BUT...
SAYAKA?
OR...
THEREFORE, I DON'T SUSPECT YOU'RE A CRIMINAL
YOU'RE SAYAKA-SAN'S PRECIOUS FRIEND
I UNDERSTAND IT'S CRAFTY TO ASK FOR AN ANSWER TO OTHER PEOPLE
I KNOW MY BEST SOLUTION IS TO KEEP IT IN MIND
...AS I CONFESSED MY GUILT LIKE THAT...
NEVERTHELESS, I TRULY WANT TO KNOW NO MATTER WHAT
RATHER, ACTUALLY ...
THE REASON SAYAKA-SAN DISAPPEARED ...
...MAY BE BECAUSE OF ME
...FOREVER

HEY, YOU ARE...

SAYAKA'S CLOSE FRIEND, AREN'T YOU?

...YES
AT LEAST I THINK SO EVEN NOW

...I SEE

CAN YOU... REALLY PROMISE THAT YOUR LIPS ARE SEALED?

ANNOUNCEMENT

A TRAIN WILL SOON BE PASSING ON TRACK

OF COURSE... I SWEAR IT

SAYAKA IS—

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT A STRANGER LIKE YOU
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SAYAKA MORE THAN YOU, WHO HAD A LONGER RELATIONSHIP WITH HER
IN CONTRAST TO YOU, HER BEST FRIEND ...
I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW IF I WAS ABLE TO BE REAL FRIENDS WITH HER
AT ANY RATE ...
ALL I CAN SAY IN HER HONOR IS ...
SAYAKA WAS NEVER SO PLAIN ...
TO DESPAIR, GIVE UP HOPE AND DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD
DUE TO SOMEONE'S BETRAYAL
THE FACE I SAW DURING HER FINAL MOMENTS ...
...SEEMED LIKE A SMILE

YOU CAN INFORM THE POLICE OR SUIT YOURSELF
...I JUST NEED YOU TO DO ME A FAVOR
...THIS IS ALL I CAN TELL YOU, SORRY
PLEASE FORGET THAT I JUST MET...
A STUDENT FROM MITAKIHARA SCHOOL
...SHE'S IRRELEVANT
I MADE A PROMISE
I'LL FORGET ABOUT THIS TOPIC AND YOU TWO
...THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH
THAT'S... ABSOLUTELY FINE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR TELLING ME
WHAT'S THE USE OF THANKING ME

まだ終わりなんかじゃない
だんまりなの？
...IF I HADN'T BEEN SO STUBBORN BACK THEN...
SAYAKA...
SHE...
HER SOUL GEM...
WOULDN'T HAVE DIED...
REALLY...!!
THE PERSON WHO KILLED HER WAS...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
...HAPPINESS WILL ESCAPE!
IF YOU MAKE SUCH A SAD FACE...

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ARE YOU KIDDING...?
IS THIS... A JOKE?
HOW DID SAYAKA
HEY...
SAYAKA-SAN...?

THIS IS NOT A JOKE~
NOPE~
SURPRISED?
AHAHAHAH...
WHA..
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL BEING "SPIRITED AWAY" RIGHT?
DOES THAT MEAN I WILL BE INTERVIEWED?
WELL, EVEN I WAS SURPRISED
I THINK A DAZZLING LIGHT SUDDENLY WRAPPED ME UP, BUT SEEMS LIKE I WAS BLOWN OFF TO ANOTHER DIMENSION~ HUH?
WHEN I REALIZED IT, A WHOLE MONTH PASSED
WHAAAAAAT!?

N-NO! NO! NO! I DON'T UNDERS TAND! OI!?
DURING THAT MOMENT, YOU REALLY WERE...
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
...HITOMI...
I MEAN, I STILL HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND YET
IT'S A LONG STORY...BUT I'LL TELL THE DETAILS TO EVERYONE FOR SURE, OKAY?
SO PLEASE DON'T ASK ME ANYTHING...
NO THAT'S NOT IT
YOU'RE ANGRY?
UM...
I'M SORRY...I WENT TOO FAR

I'M SORRY, SAYAKA-SAN!
..HEH!?
THAT I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR!
THERE'S SOMETHING,
PLEASE... MAY YOU LISTEN TO ME?
W-WAIT, WHY SO SUDDEN? ARE YOU JOKING, HITOMI?
THIS IS NOT A JOKE!
I'M BEING SERIOUS!

SO THAT'S... WHAT REALLY HAPPENED HUH
ON THE DAY YOU TOLD ME YOU WANTED TO CONFESS
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE ME ONE DAY, BUT YOU BROKE THE PROMISE
AND THAT DAY, YOU MET KYOUSUKE, RIGHT?
YES, I DID
ON THE DAY I CONFIDED SAYAKA-SAN, I DID MET KAMIJOU-KUN
I WON'T MAKE ANY EXCUSES FOR THAT FACT
DID YOU... CONFESS TO HIM?

WHAT I WANTED TO SAY HERE IS NOT ABOUT MY CONFESSION
BUT,
MY MEETING WITH KAMIJOU-KUN WAS TOTALLY A COINCIDENCE... ON THAT DAY, WE ONLY HAD A CHAT AND LEFT AFTER THAT
...NO
I HAVEN'T... NOT EVEN NOW
IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO THE TRUTH:
"I WAS STEALING THE TIME I GAVE TO SAYAKA-SAN"
I GAVE TO SAYAKA-SAN ONLY ONE DAY
SO, ONE MINUTE OR ONE SECOND WERE ALSO DURING THAT TIME
I UNDERSTAND
I SEE
.....
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
SO?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

BY THE WAY, HITOMI
WHILE I WAS AWAY FROM THIS TOWN,
HOW MUCH DID YOU WORRY ABOUT ME?
...IF YOU CAN FORGIVE ME
I WANT TO CONTINUE BEING FRIENDS WITH SAYAKA-SAN
YOU WANNA SHOW YOUR SINCERITY, RIGHT?
IT'S THE TRUTH! YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?
AH~ NOPE
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD DOUBT HITOMI, BUT...
OF COURSE, I WAS SO WORRIED I COULDN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT!
...?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
I THINK IT'S NOT WORRY, BUT TO ME IT SEEMS LIKE YOU WERE SCARED -
BECAUSE,
YOU THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR FAULT I WAS DEAD, DIDN'T YOU?
!

PERHAPS, THERE MIGHT BE A TIMING I WANTED TO USE TO CONFESS TO KYOUSUKE SO YOU THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR FAULT THAT MIKI SAYAKA MISSED HER CHANCE FOR CONFESSING?
IF THAT'S REALLY HOW IT WAS...THEN WHAT HITOMI DID IS OUTRAGEOUS TREACHERY, RIGHT?
YOU SAID YOU WOULD WAIT ONE DAY FOR ME, BUT YOU BROKE THE PROMISE
AND IN ONE MINUTE,
YOU TWO WERE HAVING A PLEASANT CHAT FOR A SECOND
IT HAD BEEN MANY DAYS BUT I STILL DIDN'T CAME BACK
THAT MADE YOU FEEL ANXIETY:
"IF MIKI SAYAKA HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONFESS THAT DAY, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE GONE MISSING", RIGHT?
I WILL GIVE HITOMI THIS PROPOSAL ...
...THAT'S WHY!
...AS I THOUGHT, SAYAKA-SAN INTENDED TO CONFESS THAT DAY
GIVE KYOUSUKE TO ME

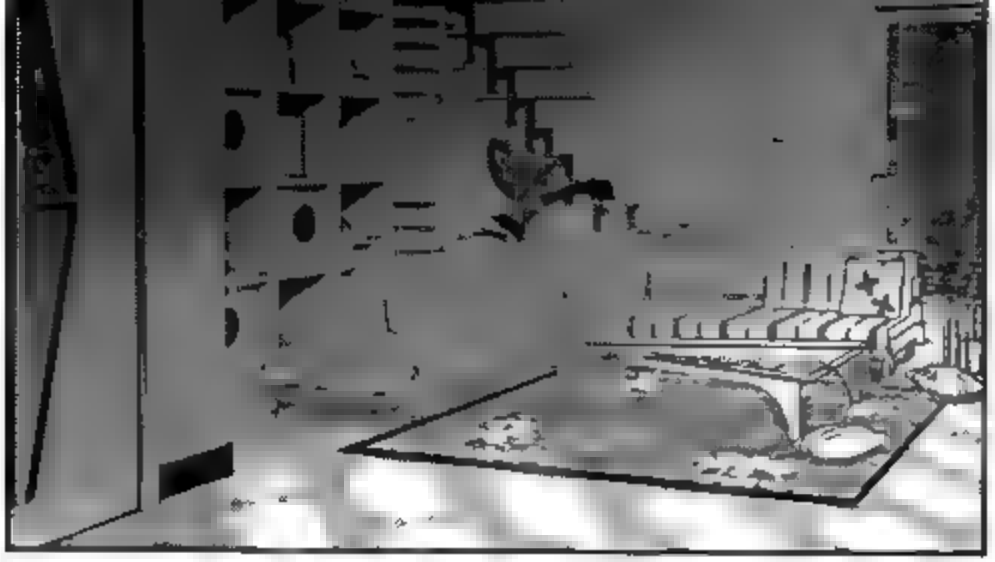
ISN'T THAT SINCERITY?
OKAY?
.....
THEN, WHAT'LL YOU DO?
...YOU CAN'T?
YOU WILL SHOW ME YOUR SINCERITY, WON'T YOU?
WE'RE CLOSE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
SAYAKA... -SAN?
WHA... WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU-
.....!?
DO YOU WANT TO LOSE ME INSTEAD OF KYOUSUKE?

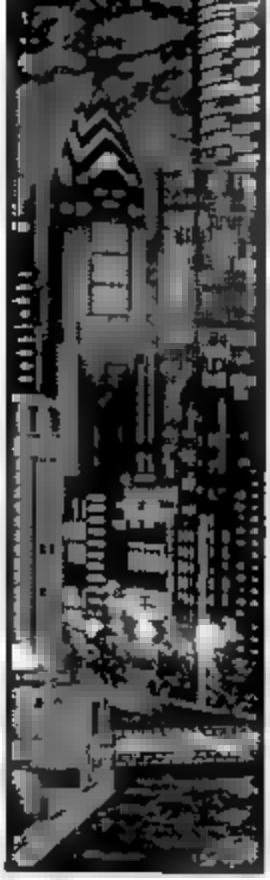
WHAT IS IT, KYOUKO?
LIKE HELL I COULD SIT AND WATCH?
AREN'T YOU BEING VERY WEIRD?
STOP IT RIGHT THERE, SAYAKA
!?
A PERSON WHO'S NOT MY FRIEND SHOULD JUST KEEP THEIR MOUTH SHUT
WHAT? YOU REALLY THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS?
I WAS A BIT GENEROUS WITH YOU, AND YOU FELT WE WERE FRIENDS?
.....
YOU KNOW, YOU ARE VERY NAIVE TO BE TAKEN BY SUCH A THING
YOU FORGOT WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT TIME?
YOU DIDN'T GAVE ME GRIEF CUBES EVEN THOUGH YOU'D KNOWN I WAS IN A PINCH, DID YOU?
IF YOU HAD BEEN MY FRIEND, YOU WOULD'VE GIVEN THEM TO ME, RIGHT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE THEM TO ME IN THAT MOMENT?

WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK I WAS DEAD?
I'M RIGHT HERE, WHICH MEANS I'M STILL ALIVE, RIGHT? AHAHAH
...HUH?
I GET IT, I GET IT
THE SCENARIO IS SAYAKA-CHAN WAS SPIRITED AWAY
AND WITH AN OPPORTUNITY, SHE WENT BACK. THAT'S IT. MY BAD--
SA...
SAYAKA-SAN...?
YOU...
STOP MESSING AROUND!

AH, SORRY
MY HAND SLIPPED
WOOSH
WOOSH
WOOSH
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY I WAS SO NAIVE
IT'S BECAUSE ...
SAYAKA... SHE WAS...
...THAT'S IT
LIKE YOU SAID,

SAYAKA...
IS ALREADY DEAD...!





HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN...

SINCE WE AS A FAMILY...

HAD A WALK LIKE THIS WITH THE THREE OF US?

RIGHT NOW, I'M VERY EXCITED
I'M NO LONGER A CHILD, THOUGH
YOU KNOW,
SINCE THE DAY BOTH OF YOU WENT FAR AWAY,
I'VE BEEN DOING MY BEST ALONE
SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES, EVEN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES...
DURING THE TIME WITHOUT YOU, I WAS FRANTIC EVERYDAY
THAT'S RIGHT. I WAS LUCKY I WAS TAUGHT BEFORE HOW TO COOK AND MAKE SWEETS
I COULDN'T SLEEP AND DID NOTHING BUT CRY. BUT I'M FINE NOW
RECENTLY, I'VE CALMED DOWN A LOT. I THINK I'M MORE MATURE
MANY THINGS HAPPENED, BUT NOW,
I NO LONGER REGRET THE MIRACLE I WAS GRANTED THAT MOMENT
PAPA, MAMA

I'M VERY HAPPY WE WERE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN
BUT, THIS ENDS HERE
WE CAN'T LIVE TOGETHER
BECAUSE,

I AM A MAGICAL GIRL
I'M SORRY, PAPA AND MAMA

DEFEATING ALL THE WRAITHS,
IS...
MY MISSION!

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
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...!?

A WRAITH!?
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WHAT... THE HELL IS THIS!?
……
!?

WHA...!?
YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY? STOP RIGHT THERE!
PLEASE WAIT!
WHAT IS ALL OF THIS?
WHAT HAPPENED TO SAYAKA-SAN...?
LIKE I SAID,
SAYAKA NO LONGER EXISTS
YOU PROMISED THAT YOU'LL FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED HERE, RIGHT?
.....
...THEN, KEEP YOUR PROMISE

DAMN IT, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I CAN'T CATCH UP!
SAYAKA!!
SHIT... STOP!
!!

AS I THOUGHT, WRAITHS DON'T APPEAR IN DESERTED PLACES, HUH...
...NO, THAT GIANT WRAITH MAY NOT HAVE THE SAME MOVEMENT PATTERN LIKE NORMAL ONES.
I THINK I SHOULD EXPAND THE SCOPE OF SEARCHING INTO NEARBY TOWNS TO MAKE SURE...
YO

SAKURA KYOUKO...
HOW'S YOUR PROGRESS WITH THE WRAITH SEARCHING?
WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS?
DID YOU GOT A CLUE ABOUT THE WRAITHS?
YEAH, GOOD NEWS FOR YOU
SEEMS LIKE I FOUND A CLUE OF THOSE WRAITHS
EH... REALLY!?
?
WHAT IS IT...?
MOREOVER, I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU
MAY YOU COME HERE A BIT?

CRACK
CRACK
HAH
WHA ....!?

LISTEN, AKEMI-SAN!
...TOMOE MAMI!
!?
STAY AWAY FROM THAT SAKURA-SAN RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S NOT SAKURA-SAN...
SNK
IT'S A WRAITH!

CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
……!?

I'LL BE THE DECOY, YOU JUST RUN AWAY
WOOSH!
TOMOE MAMI! WHAT IS THIS!?
I'M SORRY, EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
I'LL CLOSE MY EYES FOR WHAT YOU DID YESTERDAY, SO...
DON'T WORRY
HOW WILL YOU-
...NO
I'LL FIGHT TOO
EH?

WOOSH
I DON'T WANT TO BE MORE IN DEBT WITH YOU
...!?
.....
AKEMI-SAN...
YOUR WEAPON WAS A BOW, RIGHT?
YEAH...?
THEN, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GUNS?

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME
HMPH...
THAT'S MY SPECIALITY
OH, IS THAT SO? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
HOWEVER,

THAT'S VERY FORTUN-ATE!
...THEY'RE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE...
BAM

CLACK
IS THAT REALLY A WRAITH?
.....
YOU DID WELL, AKEMI-SAN

SOMEHOW EVEN AFTER TURNING INTO SAKURA-SAN, IT SEEMS THEIR ATTACKS ARE NORMAL AS ALWAYS
YEAH... I'M THE SAME WITH YOU... BUT,
I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT WRAITHS MIMICKING HUMANS
IF THAT'S THE CASE...!
OUR CHOICE IS MULTIPLYI-NG

WOOSH
EH?
!?
TSK...
TOMOE MAMI!
GYA!

NO WAY!?

KA-CHAK
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
AKEMI-SAN!

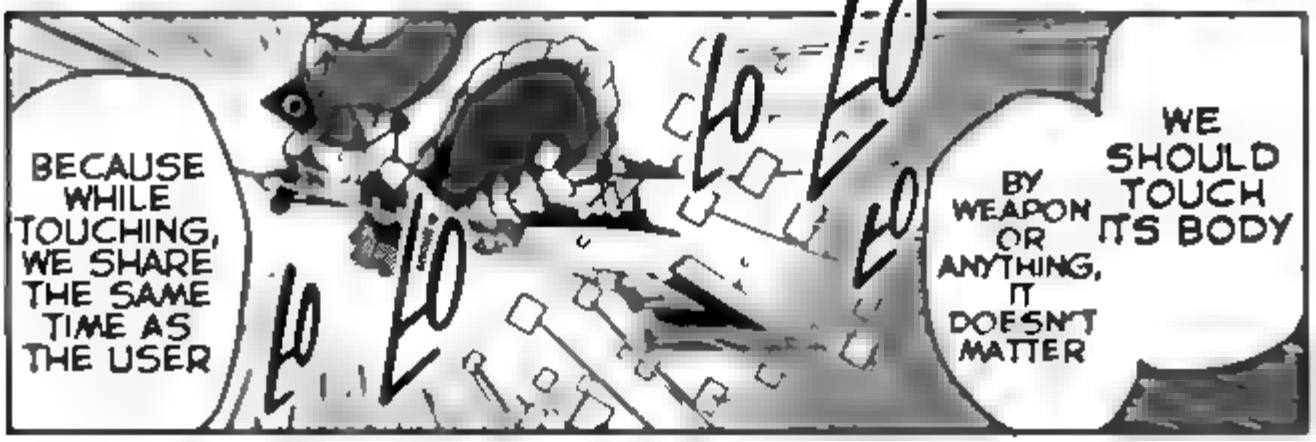
...EH?

IT DODGED AGAIN...

JUST FOR A MOMENT...
THE TIME WAS STOPPED...?
JUST NOW...
ARE YOU OKAY, AKEMI-SAN?
IT WASN'T ME...
...I'M SURE...
ALSO, WAS THAT... TELEPORTATION?
NOT ONLY IT CAN READ OUR MOVEMENTS,
THIS IS QUITE A DIFFICULT THING TO DEAL WITH
WHAT'S... THAT?
"TIME MANIPULATION?"
...NO. THAT MAY BE TIME MANIPULATION

STOPPING THE TIME OF EVERYTHING MINUS THE USER'S, THEN DISTURBING THE ENEMY
THE USER WILL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE WITHOUT GIVING ANY WARNING...
THAT'S THE POWER OF TIME MANIPULATION
I REMEMBER HOW ITS ATTACK PATTERN IS USED
THE WRAITHS ARE CAPABLE OF DOING SUCH FEAT?
I DON'T KNOW... I NEVER HEARD ABOUT IT
AND I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT
...BUT, THAT ATTACK JUST NOW..

IF IT CAN TRULY STOP TIME ...
... ASSUMING THAT,
IF YOU CAN READ THE CARD UNDER ITS HAND,
DO YOU HAVE ANY EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR THIS? AKEMI-SAN!


BECAUSE WHILE TOUCHING, WE SHARE THE SAME TIME AS THE USER
LO LO LO LO
BY WEAPON OR ANYTHING, IT DOESN'T MATTER
WE SHOULD TOUCH ITS BODY

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...!?

HOW...

TOUCHING... HOW ABOUT MY RIBBONS?
IT WORKS, BUT...
THAT'S MEANINGLESS IF OUR MOVEMENTS ARE READABLE

MAY I HELP YOU?
...EH? WHAT...?
YOU WANT TO BEAT THE WRAITH'S TIME MANIPULATION POWERS, DON'T YOU?
!
...WHO'S THAT?
DON'T WORRY... I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY
KEEPING IT THIS WAY, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME THAT BOTH OF YOU WILL BE DEFEATED
TOMOE MAMI'S MAGIC ALONE ISN'T ENOUGH... THAT'S WHY I'LL ADVICE YOU

.....
WHAT WILL YOU DO? WILL YOU TRUST ME...?
WOOSH
WOOSH

WOOSH
AKEMI-SAN?

PULL A RIBBON HERE!
TOMOE MAMI
!
YEAH... MAYBE
MAYBE ...!?
YOU HAVE A GOOD PLAN?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS!?
DON'T MOVE
I'LL BAIT IT

...NOW!
BIP
BIP
BIP
BIP

AKEMI-SAN, THE VIEW ...!
DON'T DO ANYTHING JUST HOLD STILL
...EH!?
...SMOKING SCREEN BOMBS!?
...
...TELL ME, WHERE'S THE WRAITH?
...THE VIEW'S BLOCKED, IT'S IN PANIC ...
BUT IT'S COMING CLOSER LITTLE BY LITTLE
A LITTLE MORE...
IT'S COMING!
RIGHT ABOVE!

TOMOE MAMI
USE BINDING MAGIC ABOVE MY HEAD!
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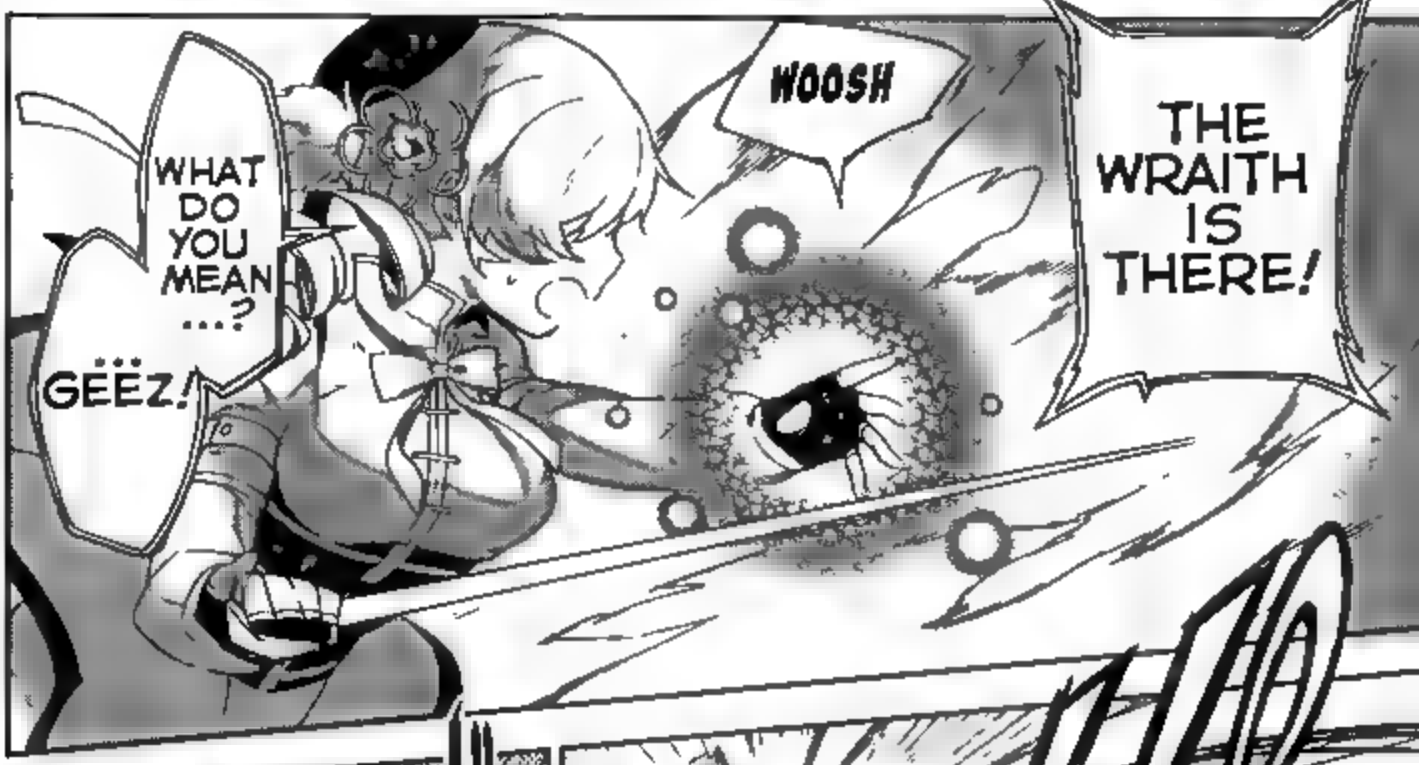
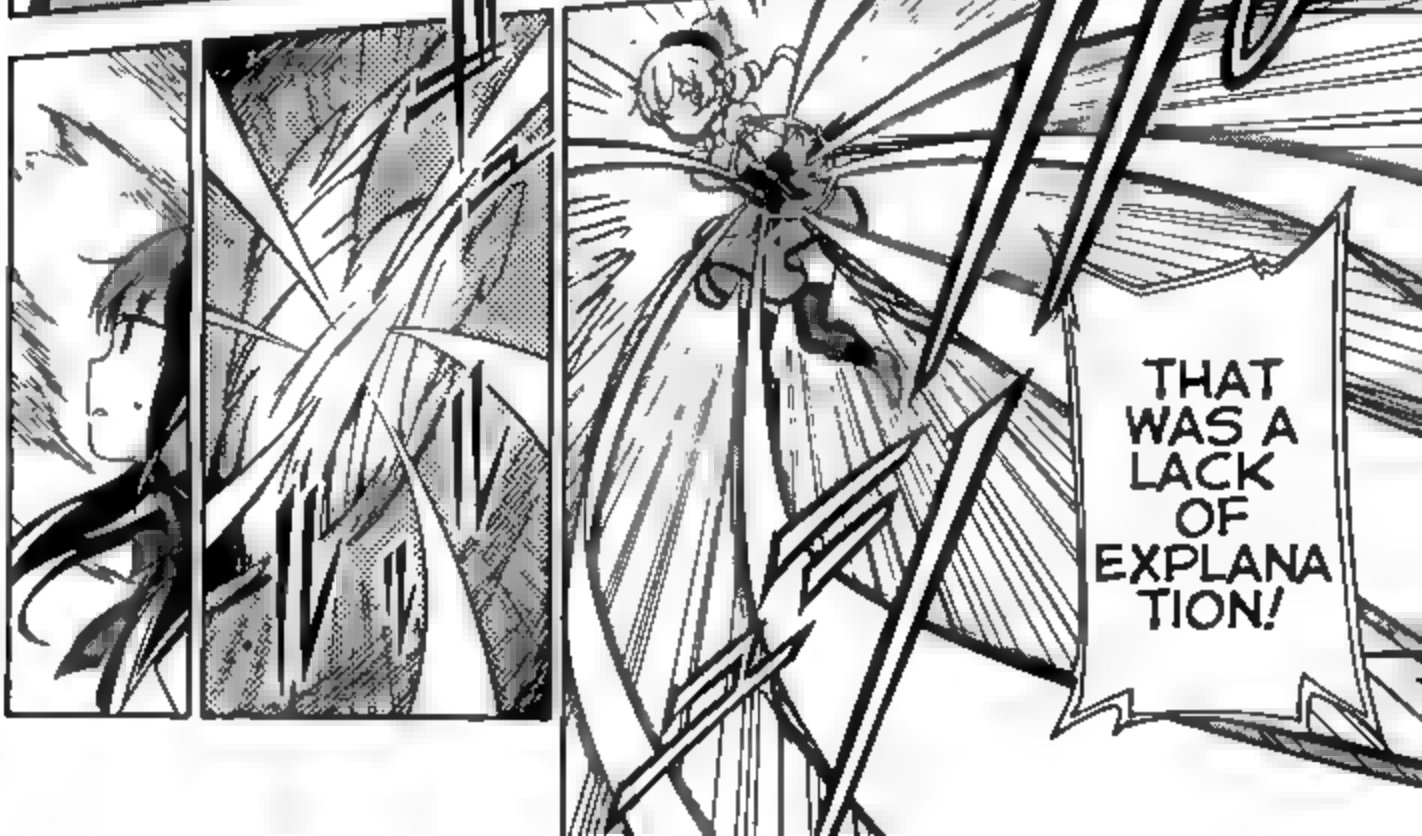

THE WRAITH IS THERE!
WOOSH
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?
GEEZ!


THAT WAS A LACK OF EXPLANATION!

SHHP
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SHHP
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU
NOW!
I'M IN A BAD MOOD TODAY!

TIRO FINALE!

IT GOT HIT
BUT BEING KILLED OR NOT IS 50/50
...YOU DID IT?
...NO
...LET'S STOP CHASING HERE
.....
MAMI! HOMURA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN SUCH A PLACE! I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!

WHA... WHAT!?
!!
HUH?
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU POINTING ME A GUN AFTER MEETING ...
QUIT JOKING
LOOKS LIKE THE REAL ONE THIS TIME
SAKURA-SAN TOO?
THE FAKE ONE!
SO YOU MET THE ODD WRAITH AS WELL?
DID YOU SAY "THE REAL ONE"?
BUT ONE OF THEM TURNED INTO SAYAKA
YEAH, I DON'T KNOW WHY

I LOST ITS TRACK WHILE CHASING AFTER IT, SO I THINK I SHOULD INFORM YOU GUYS FIRST ...
INTO MIKI-SAN ...
IT SEEMS WE NEED A PLACE TO DISCUSS TOGETHER
... IT'S LATE NOW. ALSO, THERE'S CLASS TOMORROW. LET'S DISBAND HERE
AFTER SCHOOL TOMORROW, WE'LL GATHER AT MY HOUSE, GOT IT?
GOT IT
UNDERS TOOD
I WILL REPEAT THIS:
BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU WALK THE STREETS AT NIGHT

WHAT WAS THAT VOICE JUST NOW...
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
真上！
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I MISSED YOU
LONG TIME NO SEE

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人の感情を食い荒らす 魔獣 が
はびこる世界、ほむらは魔獣と
の戦いの最中に謎の声を聞く
戦いは一旦収まるが ほむらの
前にまどかが現れ
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...THAT'S RIGHT

I'M NOT THE REAL MADOKA

LIKE THE WAY HOMURA-CHAN AND THE OTHERS CALL US ...

!

I AM A "WRAITH"

THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS! I DON'T INTEND TO FIGHT YOU!
TOO BAD, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME
I WON'T BE TRICKED BY THE HONEYED WORDS OF A WRAITH...!
は。
WAIT! WAIT! HOMURA-CHAN!
HOMURA-CHAN!
THIS! LOOK AT THIS!
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YES
THIS IS... SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO HOMURA-CHAN, RIGHT?
...?
THAT'S...
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO BOTHER YOU
BUT IT HAD A STRONG POWER INSIDE, SO WE MISUNDER-STOOD
WE'RE SORRY FOR TAKING IT FROM YOU
...WOULD YOU LISTEN TO MY STORY?
.....
IT'S UNNECESSARY TO US, SO NOW WE RETURN IT TO YOU

I HAVE A REQUEST FOR HOMURA-CHAN
...WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT WRAITH THAT STOLE HOMURA-CHAN'S POWER...
I WANT YOU TO DEFEAT IT FOR US
US WRAITHS ...
...WERE BORN TO PREVENT THE "DANGEROUS THING" FROM HUMANS TO INCREASE IN THIS WORLD
"THE DANGEROUS THING"?

A THING WRAITHS STEAL FROM HUMANS ...
...CAN YOU IMAGINE IT?
IT'S ALSO THE NECESSARY THING FOR HOMURA-CHAN AND HER FRIENDS WHEN THEY USE THEIR AMAZING POWER
YES
IT'S WHAT WE ARE COLLECTING FROM HUMANS
.....
I BECAME SMARTER-
EMOTIONAL ENERGY? SO THAT'S HOW YOU CALL IT?
PERHAPS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT "EMOTIONAL ENERGY"?
IT CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS TO US, AND TO THIS WORLD
...UHM AND...
IF A HUMAN'S EMOTIONAL ENERGY OVERFLOWS IN LARGE AMOUNTS IN THIS WORLD,
E-EH!? I'M NOT...
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE EXPLAINS IT TO US IN WORDS, SO...!
...CONTINUE
AM I CONVEYING IT PROPERLY ...?

BUT ONE DAY, WE SUDDENLY SENSED THE SIGN OF A VERY DANGEROUS POWER
THAT'S WHY WE ARE BOTTLING THE EMOTIONAL ENERGY FROM HUMANS,
WHILE ALSO KEEPING WATCH OVER DANGEROUS THINGS NOT TO OCCUR EVERYDAY...
THE PRESENCE OF HUMANS WITH STRONG EMOTIONAL ENERGY,
LIKE HOMURA-CHAN AND OTHERS WHO ARE CALLED "MAGICAL GIRLS" IS NOT SOMETHING RARE TO US
BUT EVEN EXCLUDING IT, THE POWER WE SENSED WAS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG
WE SENSED ITS DANGER, SO WE STARTED SEARCHING WHERE THAT POWER CAME FROM
AFTER WE FOUND THE SOURCE OF THAT POWER, THE ONE WHO WAS WAITING FOR US AT THE END OF THE ROAD...
...WAS YOU, HOMURA-CHAN
...!

THAT'S HOW IT WAS

IN OTHER WORDS, BECAUSE MY EMOTIONAL ENERGY WAS A THREAT FOR THIS WORLD, YOU USED THE GIANT WRAITH TO STEAL MY POWER?

FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WORLD, WE COULDN'T OVERLOOK SUCH STRONG POWER

THAT'S WHY THE BIGGEST ONE AMONG US OBTAINED HOMURA-CHAN'S POWER

IT'S NOT LIKE WE WERE BEARING A GRUDGE AGAINST HOMURA-CHAN DIRECTLY, BUT...

...

...MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

HOPE?

?

CURSES?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE POWER OF CURSES

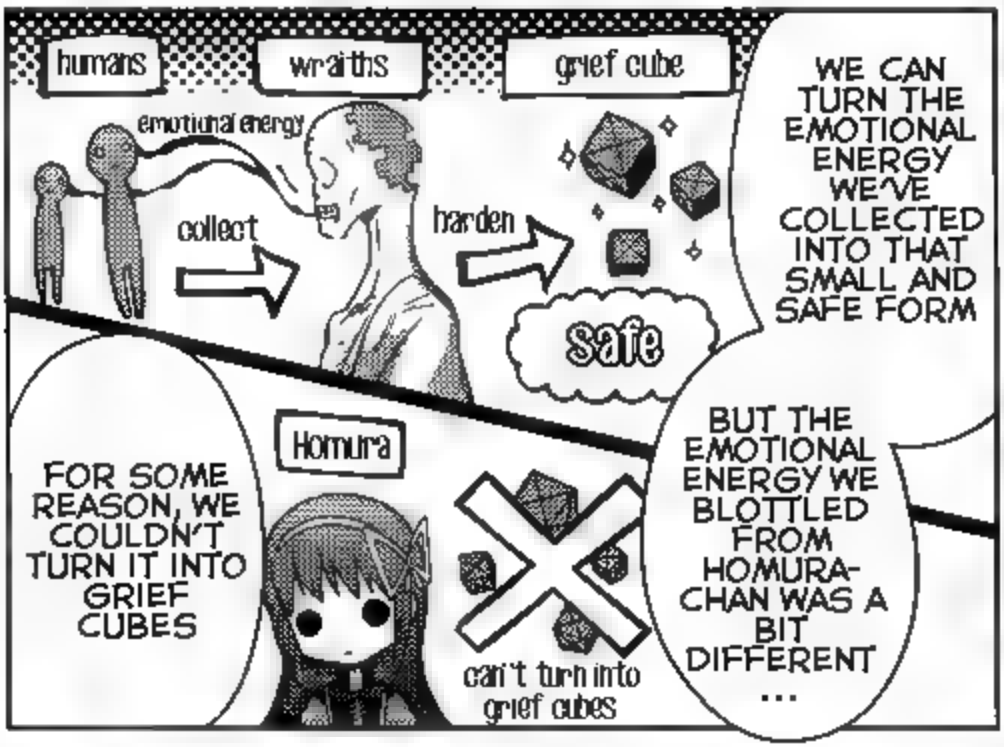
BUT WHY'S EVEN THE POWER OF A MAGICAL GIRL, THAT IS, THE POWER OF HOPE ALSO A THREAT TO YOU?

WHAT DO YOU FEAR ABOUT EMOTIONAL ENERGY THAT YOU GO AFTER NORMAL PEOPLE FOR?

UM~ I DON'T UNDERSTAND DIFFICULT THINGS

BUT ANYWAYS, EMOTIONAL ENERGY IS A REALLY DANGEROUS THING!

IF WE LEAVE EMOTIONAL ENERGY ALONE...
THE UNIVERSE WILL POSSIBLY BE OVERTURNED!
A HUMAN'S EMOTIONAL ENERGY IS NOT A THING WE SHOULD MAKE LITTLE OF!
HOMURA-CHAN, YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?
THIS IS POINT-LESS ...
I WILL CHANGE THE QUESTION
WE ARE AFFECTED BY EMOTIONAL ENERGY!
HOMURA-CHAN!
??
THAT'S IT! THAT'S IT!
WHY DID YOU WRAITHS APPEAR IN FRONT OF US...
TAKING THE FORM OF HUMANS?
I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST MANY WRAITHS SO FAR, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I SEE WRAITHS LIKE YOU...
!
UM... LET ME CONTINUE THE STORY
WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


humans
wraiths
grief cube
emotional energy
collect
harden
safe
WE CAN TURN THE EMOTIONAL ENERGY WE'VE COLLECTED INTO THAT SMALL AND SAFE FORM
BUT THE EMOTIONAL ENERGY WE BLOTTLED FROM HOMURA-CHAN WAS A BIT DIFFERENT ...
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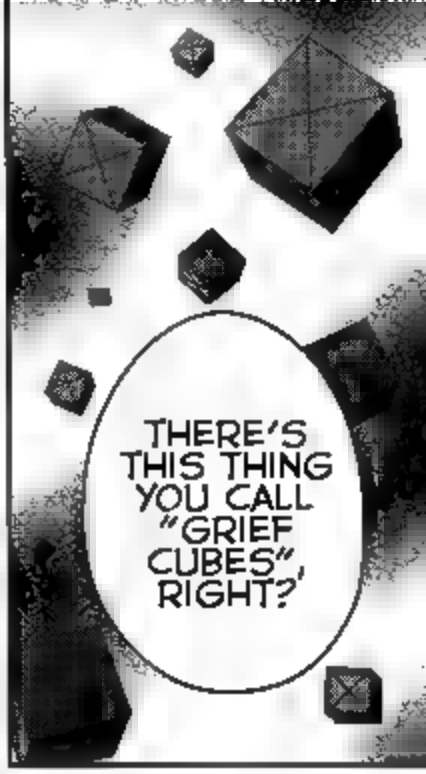
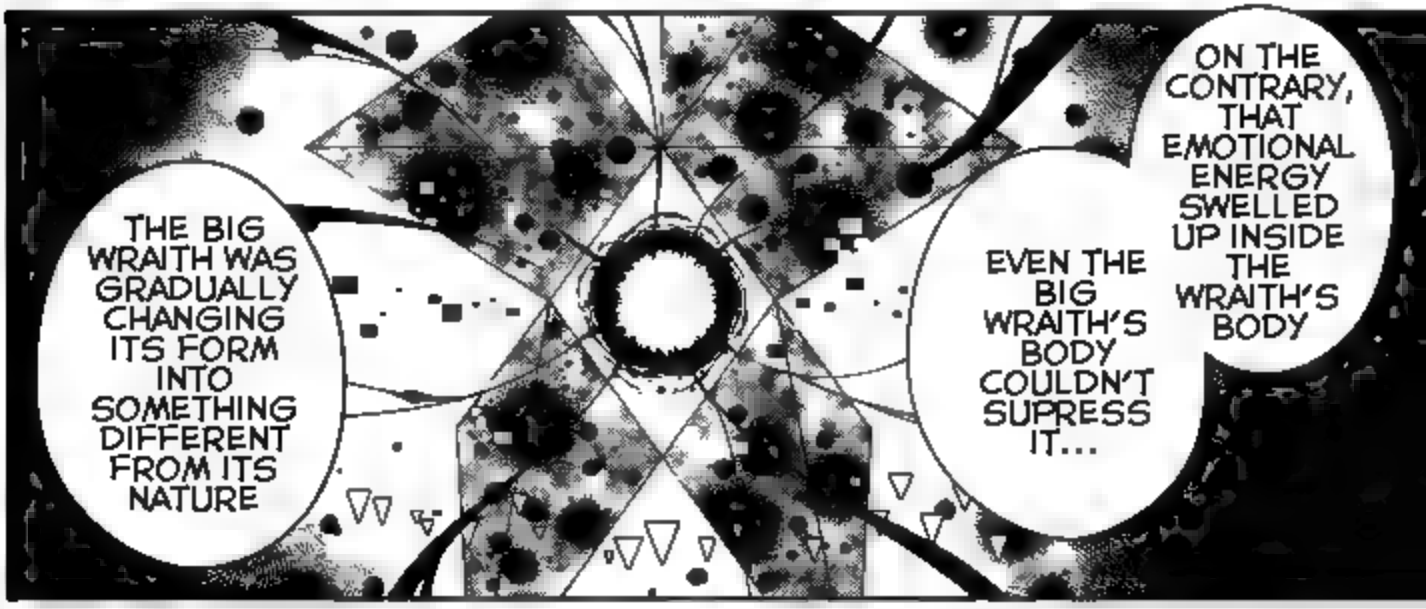
FOR SOME REASON, WE COULDN'T TURN IT INTO GRIEF CUBES
can't turn into grief cubes


THERE'S THIS THING YOU CALL "GRIEF CUBES", RIGHT?


THE BIG WRAITH WAS GRADUALLY CHANGING ITS FORM INTO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM ITS NATURE
EVEN THE BIG WRAITH'S BODY COULDN'T SUPRESS IT...
ON THE CONTRARY, THAT EMOTIONAL ENERGY SWELLED UP INSIDE THE WRAITH'S BODY

WHAT HAPPENED TO US IS WHAT HOMURA-CHAN SAW

US, SMALL WRAITHS ALSO HELPED IT DIGEST THE ENERGY
BUT SUDDENLY WE WERE SWALLOWED BY OVERFLOWING EMOTIONAL ENERGY

THE WRAITHS IN HUMAN FORM
...YES, I MEAN WE ARE...
HOWEVER, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THAT WRAITH IS SWALLOWED LIKE WE WERE...
IS HIDING SOME-WHERE NOT EVEN US KNOW
IN ORDER TO DEVOTE ITSELF TO DIGEST THE POWER, THE BIGGEST WRAITH...
.....
THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO LOCATE THE WRAITH, EXTERMINATE IT AND THEN RETURN ITS POWER TO HOMURA-CHAN
IF THAT EMOTIONAL ENERGY OVERFLOWS EARTH... IT'LL SURELY CAUSE TROUBLE
WE CAN'T SUPPRESS THAT DANGEROUS POWER LIKE THIS
SO, YOU WISH TO ELIMINATE THE GIANT WRAITH?

WHA...
SO, HOMURA-CHAN WILL HELP US, RIGHT?
BECAUSE HOMURA-CHAN IS FIGHTING TO PROTECT THIS WORLD, ISN'T SHE?
IF MAMI-SAN AND KYOUKO-CHAN ALSO GAVE US A HAND, IF ALL OF US COOPERATE, WE WILL SURELY...

SINCE THE SITUATION TURNED OUT BAD, YOU'RE PUSHING SOMEONE ELSE TO CLEAN IT UP? YOU'RE EXPECTING TOO MUCH
BEFORE WE MET, SOME MUTANT WRAITHS APPEARED TO DECEIVE AND ATTACK US
WHY DO YOU THINK I CAN BELIEVE THE STORY OF A FRIEND OF THOSE WRAITHS...?
YOU GUYS WERE WHO STOLE MY POWER IN FIRST PLACE, DIDN'T YOU?

UM...
I.. I MEAN, I'M A BIT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER WRAITHS...

...YOU'LL STAY AT MY HOUSE FOR NOW

I WILL CHOOSE LATER WHETHER OR NOT I WILL [redacted]EVE YOUR STORY
I WILL KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON YOU... ARE YOU FINE WITH THAT?
HURRY UP AND FOLLOW ME. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO GET CAUGHT BY OTHER MAGICAL GIRLS, DO WE?

THANK YOU, HOMURA-CHAN!
DON'T CLING TO ME
...HMM~
THIS IS VERY STRANGE...
DID YOU GRASP SOMETHING, KYUUBEI?
SEEMS LIKE... THIS IS TRULY A WRAITH
AFTER QUICKLY EXAMINING IT, WHAT I'M CURIOUS ABOUT IS...
YOU'VE PICKED AN ODD ONE, HOMURA

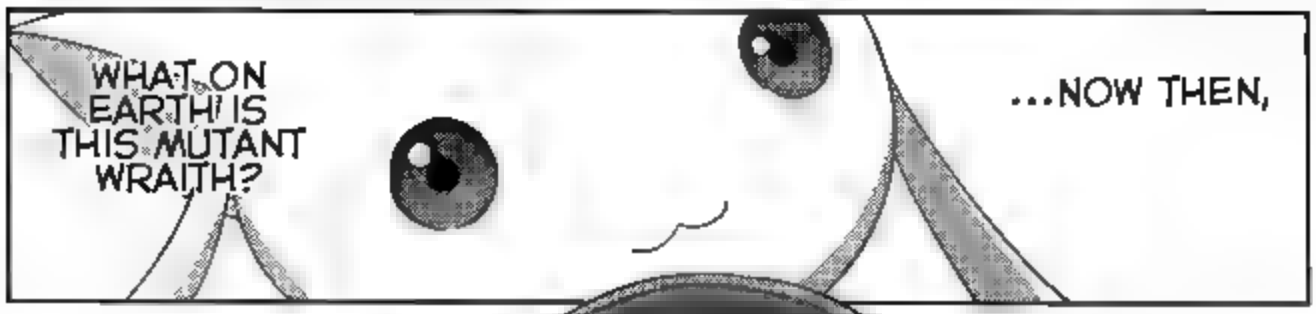
PERHAPS THE WRAITH'S INTERNAL TISSUE AND THE EMOTIONAL ENERGY FUSED, WHICH CHANGED ITS NATURE
I THINK WRAITHS APPEARED IN HUMAN FORM AS AN EFFECT OF THE MAGIC THEY STOLE FROM YOU
THIS IS JUST MY GUESS. WE CAN ASSUME THEY USED YOUR MEMORY-MANIPULATION MAGIC TO CREATE ILLUSIONS OF OUR ACQUAINTANCES
人に擬態する魔獣なんて聞いたこともない
I CAN STRONGLY SENSE HOMURA'S MAGICAL POWER FROM THIS WRAITH
HMM...
IS THAT SO?
BUT I CANNOT SEE THIS WRAITH IN A HUMAN FORM TO SAY THAT...
I'M NOT HIS ACQUAINTANCE
SO HE CAN'T SEE ME AS MADOKA OR TALK TO ME

SO, THE TIME MANIPULATION COMES FROM MY MAGIC POWERS AS WELL...?
IT'S LIKE KYUUBEI SAID,
MUTANT WRAITHS CAN USE MY MAGIC AND WIELD ITS POWER...
THE MUTANT WRAITH I ENCOUNTERED IN THE PARK MOMENTS AGO...
WHILE THAT WRAITH WAS FIGHTING AGAINST ME AND TOMOE MAMI, IT USED THE ABILITY OF TIME MANIPULATION AS WELL...
AND IN FIRST PLACE... MY WEAPON IS A BOW
NO, THAT CAN'T BE... I'VE NEVER USED TIME MANIPULATION IN THIS WORLD
...IT SEEMS I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING...
OTHER PEOPLE CAN ALSO SEE ME AS A WRAITH!
HOMURA-CHAN,
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND MY APPEARANCE NOT JUST KYUUBEI,
UHM. I WILL BE CAREFUL
WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NOTHING ...

THE CURSE... YOU SAY?
I THINK IT'S THE CURSE
!
KYUUBEI, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
IF YOU MAKE ME SAY IT...
BUT FOR SOME REASON, IT SEEMS THERE'S INDIGESTED ENERGY FROM CURSES ACCUMULATED INSIDE IT
WE KNOW THAT EVERY SINGLE WRAITH ABSORBS EMOTIONAL ENERGY TO NEUTRALIZE IT
YEAH
INSIDE THIS WRAITH, I CAN SENSE THE POWER OF CURSES BEING SOMEHOW MIXED WITH YOUR MAGIC IT ABSORBED
SUCH A HELPFUL WRAITH SHOULD BE EXAMINATED FURTHER
MIND YOU, YOU MUST KEEP THIS WRAITH A SECRET
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF A CASE WHERE THE WRAITHS ABSORBED A MAGICAL GIRL'S POWER AND IT CHANGED ITS NATURE
PERHAPS, THIS TIME, THE ENERGY FROM CURSES IS ONE OF THE CAUSES FOR THE MUTATION OF WRAITHS

ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE GOING TO LET A WRAITH STAY AT YOUR HOUSE LIKE THIS?
I GUESS BECAUSE THIS IS A HARD-EARNED CLUE, HUH
IT'LL BE TROUBLE-SOME IF THOSE TWO NOTICE IT
I CERTAINLY DON'T MIND IT, BUT...
I'M THE ONE ASKING HER TO EXTERMINATE A WRAITH
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HOMURA-CHAN, I CAN FIGHT WITH HER TOO...
I... I WON'T DO ANY HARM TO HOMURA-CHAN!
SEEMS LIKE IT'S NOT A HARM TO US
SO...? WELL, ONCE YOU LET IT IN, IT WAS TOO LATE ALREADY
...THEN, HOMURA-CHAN
THANK YOU AGAIN

...
UHM
JUST IN THIS CASE, I WILL COUNT ON YOU...


WHAT ON EARTH! IS THIS MUTANT WRAITH?
...NOW THEN,

I'VE NEVER SENSED BEFORE SUCH CONCENTRATION OF CURSES MOVING INSIDE A WRAITH
ITS IMPURITY IS ON THE SAME LEVEL A SOUL GEM GENERATES BY USING MAGIC...
AT THIS POINT, THE LAW OF CYCLES MUST REMOVE ALL THE IMPURITIES THAT COME WITH A MAGICAL GIRL'S SOUL, BUT...
THIS WRAITH HAS A NATURE THAT CAN'T EXIST IN THIS PLANET...
...HUH...

HM—
IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE WEIRD WRAITHS FROM LAST NIGHT...
...RIGHT?
THEY ABSORBED THE MEMORY ALTERATION MAGIC THEY STOLE FROM YOU,
SO THEY COULD TAKE THE FORM OF OUR ACQUAINTANCES
NEVERMIND... SO WHAT NOW? ANY COUNTER-PLAN AGAINST THOSE FAKES?
HOW ABOUT...
WE DECIDE SOMETHING LIKE A PASSWORD IN ADVANCE?
A PASSWORD WON'T WORK WITH THEM, TOMOE MAMI
OH! SAKURA-SAN DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL NOW...?
I AIN'T HEARD THAT ONE...?
HOMURA, SINCE WHEN WAS YOUR POWER STOLEN!?
...! YOU GUYS!

MUTANT WRAITHS ARE MADE WITH MEMORY-MANIPULATION MAGIC
THEY TAKE THE FORM OF PEOPLE IN OUR MEMORIES TO DECEIVE US
IN OTHER WORDS, WE SHOULD CONSIDER THAT EVERYTHING IN OUR MEMORIES IS BEING LEAKED TO THEM
ANYWAY, OUR GOAL AREN'T THE MUTATED WRAITHS, WE JUST NEED TO CAPTURE AND SUBJUGATE THE GIANT ONE
THERE-FORE,
TO SEEK THE TARGET AND AVOID BEING DECEIVED BY MUTANT WRAITHS, I WANT TO SET SOME RULES
FIRST, EACH ONE OF US WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ONE SEARCHING AREA, AND WON'T INTERFERE OTHERS
SECOND, WE MUST MEET EACH OTHER AT AN APPOINTED TIME AND PLACE
THIRD, IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, DON'T GO TO MEET ME DIRECTLY. INSTEAD, CALL ME
IF WE FOLLOW THESE RULES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH UNEXPECTED MUTANT WRAITHS TO A CERTAIN DEGREE

KYUUBEI?
...KYUUBEI DID FOR ME
AMAZING! DID YOU INVESTIGATE THAT MUCH ABOUT MUTANT WRAITHS IN ONLY ONE NIGHT?
ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT SOMETHING?
...NOPE
HEH~
HAH~? SO YOU CAN BE USEFUL SOMETIMES, HUH
WELL
FUFU~

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT MY POWERS
ME AND SAKURA-SAN WILL FOLLOW THE RULES, AND AKEMI-SAN...
...RIGHT NOW, WE CAN'T DO NOTHING BUT RELY ON THE CLUES AKEMI-SAN SAID

I'LL BE ON STANDBY UNTIL WE FIND THAT GIANT WRAITH
I WANT TO INVESTIGATE MORE ABOUT MUTANT WRAITHS WITH KYUUBEI

I'M SORRY ABOUT MY SITUATION... I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TWO TO FIND THE WRAITH
THAT WAY, TOMOE MAMI WON'T WORRY AND WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE HERSELF TO SEARCH, RIGHT?
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AKEMI-SAN...
UNDERSTOOD, JUST LEAVE IT TO US!
WE'LL DEFINITELY REGAIN AKEMI-SAN'S POWER!
MAMI IS ON FIRE ...
HOW NOISY
...AH
WAIT, I DON'T HAVE THAT THING
AH
I WILL TRY TO HANDLE IT...

HOMURA-CHA-N!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU-!
YOU... CAME HERE!?
IF YOU GET CAUGHT BY THOSE TWO...
IT'S FINE -
IF THAT HAPPENS, WE STILL HAVE HOMURA-CHAN'S MEMORY-MANIPULATION MAGIC, RIGHT?
WE'RE GOING TO SEARCH FOR THAT WRAITH, RIGHT?
I COULDN'T WAIT SO I CAME TO PICK YOU UP

...
THAT'S... RIGHT, BUT...
YOU KNOW MAMI-SAN'S AND KYOUKO-CHAN'S SEARCHING AREA, RIGHT?
...UHM
THEN, IT'S NO PROBLEM!
NOW, THEN
GRAB
EH?
LET'S GO FOR IT-!
HEY!
WA-

HOW IS IT?
I THINK THIS IS MORE SUITABLE FOR HOMURA-CHAN!
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UM~
SEEMS LIKE TODAY WE WON'T FIND A SINGLE CLUE OF THAT WRAITH EITHER...?
MY FEET IS A LITTLE SORE
OUR TARGET IS CAPABLE OF CHANGING ITS LOCATION ...
SINCE WE CAN'T GASP ITS MOVING PATTERN, THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS SEARCH AROUND PATIENTLY
TODAY IT'LL BE A WEEK SINCE WE BEGAN. LET'S START OVER
TOMORROW WE'LL START FROM THE FIRST AREA WE CHECKED OVER AGAIN...

...FEELING ANXIOUS?
ARE YOU WORRIED... ABOUT YOUR POWERS COMING BACK?
YOU'LL BE FINE, I'M SURE WE'LL FIND THE GIANT WRAITH
HOMURA-CHAN WILL DEFINITELY REGAIN HER POWERS
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE WALKED AROUND AND COULDN'T EVEN FIND THE SLIGHTEST CLUE
YOU SURE ARE OPTI-MISTIC
THAT'S RIGHT
BECAUSE I'M HERE WITH YOU, HOMURA-CHAN
...SAY, HOMURA-CHAN

HONESTLY, WHAT DO YOU THINK... ABOUT ME?
I THINK... LISTENING TO YOUR STORY HELPED ME UNDER-STAND WRAITHS, SO I'M GRATE-
THAT'S NOT IT
...WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
ALTHOUGH I'M NOT THE REAL ONE, I'M STILL MADOKA
!
LOOKING AT ME, BEING TOGETHER LIKE THIS AND SPENDING TIME JUST THE TWO OF US,
YOU REALLY DON'T THINK ANYTHING ABOUT ME AT ALL?

WAH!
DON'T TEASE ME
I DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR YOU. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE...
...JUST A FAKE MADOKA
I ALREADY TOLD YOU. I HAVEN'T DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT I WILL TRUST YOU
IF YOU KEEP MAKING SUCH JOKES, I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR LIFE
...HAHA!
...WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
JUST AS I THOUGHT
YOU'RE WRONG, HOMURA-CHAN

IS BECAUSE YOUR HEART HAS BEEN BROKEN
THE REASON YOU DON'T FEEL ANYTHING WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME...
REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE BEFORE?
DID YOU...
EVEN IF YOU LOOK AT ME OR TOUCH ME, HOMURA-CHAN WON'T FEEL ANYTHING
THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR HEART HAD ALMOST BEEN ALREADY TAKEN BY WRAITHS IN THAT MOMENT
BECAUSE YOU'RE LACKING EMOTIONS
... THAT'S ...
WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU WERE THINKING "HOW WEIRD" RIGHT~?
DESPITE BEING A FAKE, I'M STILL THE MADOKA YOU TERRIBLY MISS. BUT WHEN I APPEARED BEFORE,
HOMURA-CHAN WAS WONDERING WHY SHE WASN'T HAPPY, RIGHT?

THAT'S A LIE!
STOP MESSING AROUND! EVEN IF MY EMOTIONS WERE STOLEN, I'M STILL WHO I AM!
MY FEELINGS FOR MADOKA WON'T CHANGE AT ALL!

I'M HERE TO FIGHT FOR THIS WORLD SHE ONCE TRIED TO PROTECT!
FOR THAT REASON,
I MUST REGAIN MY MAGIC QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THEN KILL OFF ALL OF YOU!

THAT'S IT... WRAITHS ARE MY ENEMIES
MY DUTY IS TO EXTERMINATE THEM...
RIGHT NOW, I'M ONLY USING YOU. IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT YOU'RE STILL MY ENEMY
IF YOU PLAN TO TRICK ME, I WILL...
HOMURA-CHAN

YOU'RE NOT BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF
YOUR FEELINGS AND YOUR ACTIONS DON'T MATCH
YOUR FAVOR TO MADOKA AND THE IDEA OF YOUR ROLE ARE STILL THERE, THOUGH
THE FACT YOU'RE AGITATED IS PROOF OF IT
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME
I WON'T LOSE MY FEELINGS FOR HER JUST BY LOSING MY POWERS
I WON'T BETRAY HER
HOMURA-CHAN, ARE YOU SCARED?
ARE YOU LOSING YOUR FEELINGS FOR YOUR ONLY FRIEND?
.....
...THAT'S HOW YOU'RE REJECTING THIS WORLD

I KNOW ABOUT IT
I KNOW HOMURA-CHAN IS STUBBORNLY AVOIDING MAMI-SAN, KYOUKO-CHAN...
NO, YOU'RE AVOIDING EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD
THE TRUTH IS THAT HOMURA-CHAN IS VERY SCARED
"A WORLD WHERE MADOKA DOESN'T EXIST"
EVEN IF HOMURA-CHAN GETS USED TO THIS WORLD WITHOUT HER...
YOU'RE AFRAID THAT SOMEDAY,
YOU WILL ADMIT MADOKA NO LONGER EXISTS AND YOU'LL FORGET HER
WITH MADOKA'S WISH, A NEW WORLD WAS BORN
WITCHES WERE GONE, MAGICAL GIRLS CAN GET SALVATION. BUT...
FOR HOMURA-CHAN, ALONE AND WITH NO FRIENDS,
THIS WORLD IS MORE EMPTY... MUCH LONELIER THAN BEFORE

EVEN NOW, YOUR HEART IS LIVING IN A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN EVERYONE ELSE
WAS BETTER THAN THIS WORLD?
DON'T YOU THINK... THE WORLD WHERE WITCHES EXISTED...
HOMURA-CHAN...
IF YOU INSULT MADOKA'S WISH ANY FURTHER, I WILL SHOW NO MERCY
BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT WAS,
IN THAT WORLD...
THERE WAS HOMURA-CHAN'S BELOVED...
EVEN THOUGH YOU TAKE THE APPEARANCE OF MADOKA...
...I GET IT NOW
SO, YOU SHOWED YOUR TRUE COLORS

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT YOU'RE A WRAITH, ONE OF MY ENEMIES
FUFU...
IS THAT SO?
I'M NOT MADOKA, BUT ACTUALLY A WRAITH?
BUT YOU KNOW,
I'M ALSO HOMURA-CHAN'S HEART

.....
AH
UM... WHERE DID SHE GO?
HUH?
...HOMURA-CHAN?

ARE... MY FEELINGS FOR MADOKA LACKING ?
THIS IS NOT A JOKE
BECAUSE SHE IS...
MADOKA IS MY ONLY...
RIGHT NOW, MY ONLY HOPE IS HER VERY OWN

MADOKA IS ....
...MY...
...?

EVEN AFTER WORKING SO HARD, WE GOT ZERO RESULTS...
SAKURA-SAN, EVEN AS A JOKE, YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT
DID IT POSSIBLY MOVE TO ANOTHER TOWN? IF SO, DIDN'T WE JUST WASTE OUR ENTIRE WEEK?
...AKEMI-SAN? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU DON'T LOOK VERY WELL...
BUT I THINK WE SHOULD RE-EXAMINATE OUR SEARCHING AREAS FOR SURE
I DON'T WANT TO RECKLESSLY INVADE ANOTHER MAGICAL GIRL'S TERRITORY...
...YOU THINK SO?
THERE'S PARTICU-LARLY NOTHING WRONG WITH ME

AKEMI-SAN, DON'T TELL ME...
HAVE YOU SECRETLY BEEN SEARCHING FOR THAT WRAITH?
IF THERE'S NOTHING WRONG, YOU CLEARLY WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE THAT, WOULD YOU?
.....
...HEY, DON'T YOU TRUST US ENOUGH?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE ARE BEING MEAN
WE JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, AKEMI-SAN
...NO
TO BE HONEST, WHEN YOU CAME TO MITAKIHARA I NOTICED...
I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE AFTER BEING UNABLE TO FIGHT
I DON'T MEAN TO BLAME YOU FOR BEING SO EAGER TO FIND THE WRAITH, BUT...
AKEMI-SAN'S FIGHTING STYLE IS TOO SELF-SUFFICIENT. YOU WON'T GET CLOSE TO ANYONE, REGARDLESS IF IT'S A FRIEND OR A FOE
LOOKING ASIDE, IT FEELS YOUR MIND AND BODY ARE CARRYING A VERY HEAVY BURDEN ...

I'M SORRY FOR SAYING THIS... BUT THIS SITUATION IS JUST AS I FEARED...
HUNTING WRAITHS IS IMPORTANT, BUT PUTTING THAT ASIDE, YOU MUST ALWAYS THINK OF YOURSELF FIRST
IF WE'RE NOT IN A GOOD CONDITION, WE CAN'T BE OURSELVES
THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT
BUT LET'S THINK IN A POSITIVE WAY, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE
LIKE NOW YOU CAN GET A LITTLE BREAK SO YOU CAN REST-
DON'T AVOID THE MAIN ISSUE WITH AMBIGUOUS IMPERTINENCE, TOMOE MAMI
IF YOU WANT TO SAY I'M A NUISANCE, JUST SAY IT ALREADY

AKEMI-SAN, IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING, I HOPE YOU CAN TELL US
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO RELY ON US MORE OFTEN
O-OI! WHAT'S BITING YOU?
WE HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT-
NO, SHE'S RIGHT. THAT WAS AN AMBIGUOUS WAY OF SPEAKING
AFTER ALL, WE ARE COMRADES
AND NOT ENEMIES
... SORRY FOR MY OUTBURST
I'M HAVING A BAD MOOD TODAY, SO I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE
AH...
WAIT... AKEMI-SAN!
.....

"GRANT MY WISH"
"MAGICAL GIRLS ARE YOUNG GIRLS WHO MADE A CONTRACT WITH KYUUBEI"
"THEY BEAR THE DUTY OF FIGHTING WRAITHS, FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR WISH"
IS THAT HOW IT WAS?
KYÜÜBEI
BUT YOU KNOW, I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR IN THIS PLACE
I NOTICED IT, BUT I WAS SCARED OF THE ANSWER, SO I REMAINED SILENT
THERE'S ONE THING I'VE NOTICED FOR A LONG WHILE

CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT DID I WISH FOR WHEN I BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL?

DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THAT "DREAM" TO COME TRUE WITH MY MAGIC?
ASSU-MING SO...
...A WHILE AGO, YOU TOLD ME
MY MEMORIES ABOUT FIGHTING AGAINST WITCHES WERE JUST A "DREAM"
YEAH, I DID

DON'T TELL ME...
YOU THINK YOU CAN USE YOUR MEMORY-MANIPULATION MAGIC ... TO IMPLANT YOUR SOLE TRUTH TO EACH AND EVERY PERSON ON THIS PLANET?
THAT'S ABSURD AND UNREALISTIC
EXACTLY
UNLESS A MIRACLE HAPPENS AGAIN, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REWRITE EVERYONE'S MEMORIES
BUT YOU KNOW,
IT'S POSSIBLE TO REWRITE ONE PERSON'S MEMORY WITH MY MAGIC...
NOT JUST OTHER PEOPLE'S...
...BUT ALSO MY OWN
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
MY FEELINGS DEFINITELY WOULDN'T SHAKE OFF NO MATTER HOW MUCH MY EMOTIONS ARE STOLEN ...
MY FEELINGS BELIEVING IN MADOKA DEFINITELY WOULDN'T VANISH...
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT

I UNDERSTAND WHY MY FEELINGS FOR MADOKA INSIDE ME ARE FADING AWAY...
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY'RE DECAYING
CONTINUING TO RISK MY LIFE... IS NONSENSE...
CONTINUING TO BELIEVE IN A FRIEND THAT EXISTS ONLY IN MY MEMORIES...
MY SOUL GEM IS TELLING ME...THE SUSPICION WON'T STOP SPRINGING FROM MY SOUL...
EVERYTHING WAS... CONVENIENTLY CREATED WITH MY MAGIC ...
NONE OF THEM ARE TRUE. I HAVE NO MEMORY OF THEM
MY MEMORIES WITH MADOKA,
AND THEN... THOSE STORIES OF THE WORLD WITH WITCHES THAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT,
EVEN THAT WRAITH THAT LOOKS LIKE MADOKA...

AREN'T THEY...
NOTHING MORE THAN JUST MEMORIES OF A DREAM...?

IF MY MEMORIES ARE...
ACTUALLY FAKE,
IF...
WHY AM I FIGHTING FOR THIS WORLD?
WHAT DID I BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL FOR?
IF MADOKA WAS NEVER HERE SINCE THE BEGGINING...
I WILL FIGHT OUT AGAINST WRAITHS ALONE,
IN THE FUTURE, WITHOUT BEING APPRECIATED,
WITHOUT BEING REWARDED,
AND THEN, I WILL VANISH AWAY...

IS THAT... THE END?

YOU WILL CATCH A COLD IF YOU STAND IN A PLACE LIKE THIS

LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER
HEY, HOMURA-CHAN?

AH ...
W-WAIT, HOMURA-CHA-
NOTHING

AKEMI...
SAN

ME AND SAKURA-SAN WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR STATE
LIFT

SO WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD GO AFTER YOU, AND...

U-UM
UM... WE...

OI

DON'T THINK YOU CAN LEAVE WITHOUT EXPLAINING YOURSELF
HEY, HOMURA ARE YOU LISTENING?
SAKURA-SAN ...
LEAVE IT BE
YOU... DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT IS THAT THING...?
I KNEW YOU WERE HIDING SOMETHING
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US...?

.....
YOUR FACES LOOK TERRIBLE
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
...OF THIS WRAITH?
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE SEEING THE WEIRD SHAPE...
YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR SENSES AND LOOK YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR!
ANYONE WHO SEES THIS,
KNOWS THE WEIRD ONE HERE...
"WRAITH" YOU SAY?

IS
YOU
!!!

I WILL DRAG YOU AWAY, EVEN IF I HAVE TO USE FORCE!
...IT CAN'T BE HELPED
AKEMI-SAN, I WILL SAVE YOU! YOU'RE JUST BEING IMPRISONED BY A WRAITH!
HOMURA-CHAN, WE HAVE NO CHOICE
LET'S RUN AWAY WITH YOUR MEMORY MANIPU-LATION
YOU SAID IT'S IMPRISONING ME?
HOMURA-CHAN...?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
THE ONE WHO'S IMPRISONING ME IS NOT THE WRAITH...

MADOKA ...?
THAT WRAITH IS MADOKA?
SINCE YOU HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW, I WILL TELL YOU
...IT'S MADOKA
MADOKA IS THE NAME OF THE GODDESS THAT WILL LEAD US, MAGICAL GIRLS, TO THE LAW OF CYCLES
THE LAW OF CYCLES
IN OTHER WORDS, SAYAKA WAS TAKEN AWAY BY THAT MADOKA AS WELL?
SHE WILL SAVE US FROM THE CRUEL FATE THAT IS IMPOSED TO MAGICAL GIRLS
YES, SHE WAS
IF MADOKA HADN'T GIVEN UP HER LIFE TO BECOME A GODDESS,
MIKI SAYAKA WOULD'VE BEEN SWALLOWED BY DESPAIR, AND HER FATE WOULD BE A CRUEL DEATH
SO, SHE'S THE HOPE OF ALL MAGICAL GIRLS
WHAT ...!?
THAT GIRL COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM DEATH, BUT SHE COULD JUST DIE IN A BEAUTIFUL WAY

LIKE HELL I WILL STAY QUIET WHILE SHE TALKS SHIT ABOUT SAYAKA'S DEATH!
HURRY UP AND RETURN TO YOUR SENSES, HOMURA!
I DON'T CARE!
CALM DOWN, IT'S BECAUSE HER EMOTIONS ARE BEING EATEN BY A WRAITH...
HOMURA, YOU...! SAY ONE MORE WORD AND I WILL-!
AND YOU... DON'T YOU HAVE AN IMPORTANT WISH THAT YOU DON'T WANT IT TO BE EATEN!?
BUT SHE DIDN'T LET THE WRAITHS TAKE HER HEART OR LOSE HER HOPE!
SAYAKA WAS IMPRISONED LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW AND DIED
I DON'T KNOW SUCH WISH
I...
I HAVE NO MEMORIES ABOUT MAKING A CONTRACT WITH KYUUBEI!

I'VE BEEN BELIEVING MADOKA IS THE SOLE SALVATION FOR ME,
SO THAT MEANS I WON'T BE GUARANTEED THE PEACE OF ANY OTHER MAGICAL GIRL!
THE LAW OF CYCLES?
THE SALVATION OF MAGICAL GIRLS?
NOTHING GUARANTEES THOSE ARE MADOKA ...
NO... MEMORIES?
THEN, HOW DID YOU BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL...?
WELL... GO ASK MY PAST SELF
IT SEEMS SHE REWROTE THAT MEMORY, WITHOUT LETTING THE PRESENT ME KNOW
DO YOU THINK MADOKA WAS JUST SOME KIND OF FUNNY DELUSION?
I BELIEVED IN THAT DELUSION, AND CONTINUED TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL
FOR THE SAKE OF A PERSON THAT YOU DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN IF SHE REALLY EXISTED!
IT'S FUNNY. I HAD TO FIGHT AGAINST COUNTLESS THINGS LIKE WRAITHS,

I'M SORRY, MADOKA
I CAN NO LONGER BELIEVE IN ANYTHING
WHICH ONE IS THE REAL MEMORY?
WHICH ONE IS THE FAKE ONE?
"MADOKA"
PLEASE SAVE ME,
FROM BEING A MAGICAL GIRL
WHAT IS IT, HOMURA-CHAN?

....!
O-OI!
ARE YOU OKAY MAMI?

UHM
OKAY
I WILL PROTECT...
HOMURA-CHAN'S HEART

DON'T!
AKEMI-SAN!!

MAMI-SAN, KYOUKO-CHAN,

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT
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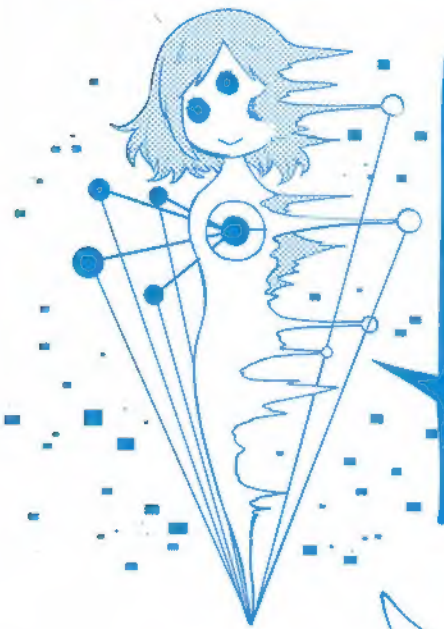
Wraith – Sayaka & Kyoko

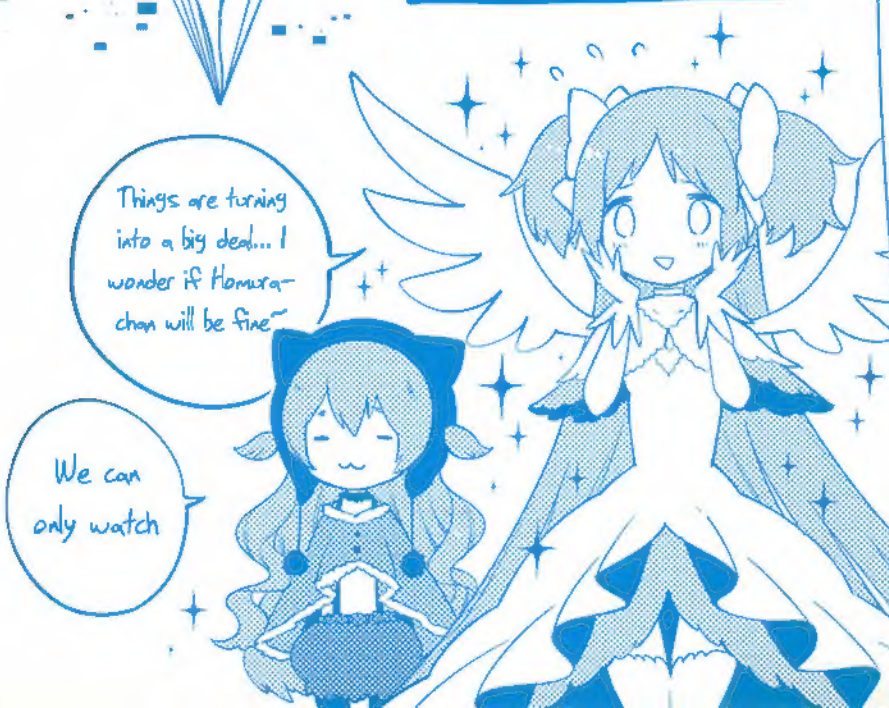
They are wraiths that used Homura's memory manipulation magic to mimic humans from a magical girl's memory. It seems they can use time manipulation as well. However, to deceive and entrap people... isn't that what a witch would do rather than a wraith?

This time I'm in charge of the Wraith Picture Book section!



Wraith – Madoka

It's a wraith that appeared in front of Homura and calls itself "an ally of Homura-chan". It gives a feeling that it has some sort of ego, unlike other mutant wraiths. I get the impression that this wraith lacks of words compared to the Madoka I know. Perhaps it doesn't have any communication skills.



UNLIKE YOU, I WAS IN TROUBLE 'CUZ THEY TOOK MY FORM AS WELL
BY THE WAY, MAMI. YOU WEREN'T DECEIVED BY THE MUTANT WRAITHS, RIGHT?
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IN MY CASE, IT WAS TOO OBVIOUS
USING YOUR WORDS, THEY WERE JUST "CRAPPY OPPONENTS"
and i beat them
ha~h
HOW UNFORTUNATE
they were
HOW DID YOU KNOW THEY WERE FAKES?
Due to their ugly expressions, we added more blacks
Homura-chaaa~n
ボォン
NO WAY SOME OLD DUDES CAN TAKE MY FORM...
THEN, AREN'T THEY JUST OLD DUDES COSPLAYING?
EVEN THOUGH THEY LOOKED LIKE ME AND SAYAKA, THEIR ORIGINAL FORMS ARE THE ONE OF A WRAITH'S, RIGHT?
GEEZ, HOMURA-CHAN! YOU'RE RUDE!
I'M NOT A MAN!
I WILL CALL SOME-ONE!
YOU'VE SHOWED ME YOUR TRUE COLORS!!
YOU RUFFIAN!
STAY AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE FILTHY!
afterwards
AKEMI-SAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
...I WONDER... IF WRAITHS ACTUALLY HAVE A GENDER...
OI, ARE YOU OKAY?